

In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Adopting)
Amendments to)
Iowa Court Rule 22.12)
Relating to Senior Judges)

CLERK SUPREME COURT

Order

The Iowa Supreme Court adopts amendments to court rule 22.12, which sets forth Iowa's senior judge program.

During its 2016 administrative term, the court considered a report and recommendations from a work group studying the senior judge program. The work group affirmed the valuable services that our senior judges provide to the judicial branch and all Iowans. The court submitted the work group's recommendations for public comment and has reviewed the comments received.

The court finds that the amendments provided with this order will improve and continue the success of our senior judge program.

The court has adjusted within the text of the rule itself the effective date of two facets of the program. In rule 22.12(1), the court sets a 62-years-of-age requirement for submitting applications for the senior judge program that is effective January 1, 2018. In rule 22.12(8), the court sets a six-year-term-of-service limitation that is also effective January 1, 2018, but that does not apply to judges with 20 years of service prior to January 1, 2018.

The amendments to the senior judge program set forth in court rule 22.12 as provided with this order will become effective March 1, 2017.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2016.

The Iowa Supreme Court

By Mark S. Cady
Mark S. Cady, Chief Justice